the manufacture of Polyester. Nor-mally the international price diflfer-ence between DMT and PTA is not very large. Tlie choice of using DMT or PTA is dependent on the users' preference as quality product can be produced from both the products.

(b) Total investment in DMT and PTA raw material industries in the country is around Rs. 275 crores. The strength of workers in Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited and Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Co. Ltd. in their DMT plants is 116 and 216 respectively. Similar information in resrsect of Bangaigaon Refineries and Petro-ehemicals Liniited i-3 not readily available.

(d) At present the selling price of indigenous DMT is around Rs. 21,000|-per tonne. Presently PTA is not being produced in the country.

Improvement of Telephone Service

2146. DR. MOHD. HASHIM *KID*-WAI: Will the Minister of COMMU-mCATIONS be p'eased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to improve the working of telephone systems in the country;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure the prompt and regular delivery of mail; a^d

(c) the details of steps taken to redress the grievances of public about the faulty service of telephones, late delivery of telegrams, ncn delivery Or delayed and irregular delivery of mails as well as disconnection of telephones even after the payment of bills by subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) As per statement I.

(b) As per statement-TI.

(c) As per statement-Ill.

Statement-I

Steps *taken to improve the tele^ phone syst^em in the country.*

(1) Replacement of life-expired and worn out telephone exchanges and provision of adequate spares for main tenance of serviceable equipment;

(2) Improvement and expansion of inter-exchange junction network with provision of cable PCM and microwave systems;

(3) Rehabilitation of the external plant which is the weakest link of the system; by use of jelly filled cables, pressurisation of dry cables, providing ducts, fovmation of public utility coordination Boards in major cities and towns:

(4) Increasing the '.apacities of elpptronic trunk auiomatic exchanges and phasing out the Pentaconta cros sbar trunk automatic exchange equip ment which is responsible for large scale failure of STD calls;

(5) Increasing the capacities of inter-metro transmission media and provision of at^quate channelling equipment.

(6) Computerisation ot some of the important auto-manual services like directory enquiry and trunk booking enquiry.

(7) Augmenting ani ;.niproving the telex network.

Statement-li

Steps taken *to ensur>; prompt an^ regular delivery of mail*

All the first class articles of letter mail and air-surcharged second class articles are airlifted wherever possible. Transmission of Second Class surface mail has been accelerated after the withdrawal of sorting work from running trains. Preliminary iSortinj has b.°en inlroduced in Post Offices. District/Circle concentration centres are identified besides regional concentration centres. Justified bags are closed between tliese centres to

eliminate hold up of mall at intermediate points. Adequate mail arrangements exist to facilitate quick transmission of' mails from the point of origin to destination and early deli-veiy. Regular monitoring of mails is done to ensure that there is no hold Up of mails.

Statement—in

I. Steps taken to redress the grievances of public about faulty service of telephones and late delivery of telesrrams

In addition to the full-fledged complaint organisations already existing, public grievance cells with single window clearance concept have been set-up in all telecommunication circles, metro and major telephone districts, w.e.f. 1-5-85 to look and 'redress the 'grievances of the public.

II. Non-Delivery, delayed and irregu-lar delivery of mails

Whenever any complaint is received on non or delayed and irregvilar delivery of mails, immediate enquiries are made and remedial steps are taken to avoid recurrence.

III. Disconnection of telephones

Disconnection of telephones even after payment by sutecribers, generally occurs when payments are made after the due date prescribed, and during the time lag it takes for the particulars of pajonents to reach the concerned TRA section and in some stray cases due to clerial errors. Units have already been diVected to examine each case of disconnection despite payment critically and take action against the officials at fault when such irregular disconnections occur. Telephones are also restored without any re-connection fee in such. cases.

Setting^ up of holding Companies (or Public Undertakings

2147. SHRIMATI USHA MALHO TRA: Will the Minister of nSTDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up of a few holding companies for each ^oup of Public Undertakings; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) No final decision has been taken so far in this mater.

(b.) Does not arise.

Power generated hi the Country

2148. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

' (a) what is the total quantum of powe'r generated in our country and what is the actual quantum of power required for all the sectors;

(b) whether Government are giving new licences for manufacturing generators to meet the power crisis in the country; and

(c) if so, whether there are any limitations fixed by Government for manufacturing power generators?

THE MINTSTER Op ENERGY ' (SHRI VASIANT SATHK): (a) The powe'r availability during the period April, 1985 to February, 1988 was 142,726 million units as against the requirement of about 155,198 million units,

(b) and (c) Generating units upto 6(y MW capacity can be manufactured both in'public and private sectors. Manufacture of generators of higher range are reserved for public sector. The ipresient manufacturing capacity